

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/596,653 Confirmation No. 8832  
Applicant : Takeo Okabe et al.  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is a Response being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination in response to a FINAL Office Action dated March 4, 2011. Since June 4, 2011 falls on a Saturday and since June 6, 2011 is the first business day (Monday) following June, 4, 2011, this filing is respectfully submitted as being timely.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.